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and became most efficient in that vocation. Indian people just require some understanding and assistance. They can become our greatest source of manpower in Canada. We bring people in from other countries and train them. I have no objection to training people from Vietnam because they need training. But let us make the training available to our Indian people and if necessary to people who have not had an education and are white skinned. That, too, could help. If we make these programs available to the greatest number of people, we will achieve the greatest results. I recommend this to the minister. I want to go on to one or two other matters, dealing with employment first and then immigration. The minister will remember the mobility study on construction which came out of the 1978 first ministers' conference. I wonder if he could briefly outline the major points in it and tell us whether it is helping to solve the unemployment problem in Canada.

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Is there anything in that document or in the Unemployment Insurance Commission regulations which discourage people moving from one province to another? If there is, it should be removed. In the constitution we talk about mobility. I do not think a better example of mobility can be found than in the province of Alberta today. The Alberta minister of labour informed me that on October 1, 1980, there were 53,000 more people working in Alberta than on October 1, 1979. A large percentage came from the Atlantic provinces, and a tremendous number from Quebec and Ontario, as well as from Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia. Relatively few came from the United States and other countries.

As far as we in Alberta are concerned, mobility is no problem. I would like to know from the minister whether there is anything in the mobility study which discourages the Unemployment Insurance Commission from encouraging people to move from one place to another.

The government can help reduce the unemployment problem, but I differ from my friends to the left who think the government should be able to do everything to solve that problem. The government will never do that. I do not know what it is like in Russia. Maybe under the government there everybody is working. However, that is not the type of administration most Canadians want.

We want people to be able to make a dollar and earn a living. Although we do not believe in exorbitant profit, we do believe in profit. One of the best ways to get the unemployed working is to have thousands of small shops which hire one, two, three or more people. It is amazing how a mass of small enterprises could help solve the unemployment problem.

Capital is leaving Canada today. Within the last two years, \$6 billion has left. We are losing jobs in Canada. The budget encouraged people to move out because of the tax situation and the threat of nationalization. Some people call it Canadianization. I call it nationalization when the government takes over industry. I suggest this is what is giving the minister the greatest amount of difficulty in trying to solve the unemployment problem. People will not invest money if they think that

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a few years down the road the government will take over and stop them from making a profit. If the minister wants to solve the unemployment problem, he should deal with that aspect.

I wish to deal with one other matter in connection with employment before moving on to immigration. It concerns abuses of unemployment insurance. I would go a second, third or fourth mile to help anyone who wants to work. However, I will not spend my time on those who are lazy, trying to find ways and means of beating the people, not contributing their share and making an easy thing out of the Unemployment Insurance Act.

The act never intended that people should work only in the summer and collect unemployment insurance in the winter. It was intended for those who wanted to work and could not find a job. There are too many abuses today and we should not be supporting those abuses. It is not fair to those who are working, or to the country. I ask the minister what exactly is going to be done with regard to weeding out those who abuse unemployment insurance, making it difficult for others with genuine cases.

Mr. Axworthy: Mr. Chairman, I will attempt to answer the three major issues raised by the hon. member. Before doing so, I would comment on his opening remarks concerning the education of native people. One of the interesting themes to appear during the examination of these estimates has been the priority that we must give to that problem. I welcome the hon. member's comments about the University of Calgary. It is similar to some of the work being done in the University of Brandon in my province, of which the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre is chancellor. They have the same kind of extension policy.

I agree totally this is one of the ways we can provide for a self-help concept. It is true that education is the best guarantee of proper employment in this country, regardless of what we hear. The more we can open up those opportunities, the better it will be. I compliment the University of Calgary through the hon, member for what they are doing.

On the question of mobility which has been discussed on several occasions in this committee, the hon. member for Bow River raised the issue of the study of mobility in the construction trades. We have looked at that study. The primary recommendation to my department was that we introduce a series of mobility grants to cover the cost of room and board in order to overcome economic disincentives. Someone might feel there is not enough incentive to pull up stakes and move without extra support or a subsidy.

That recommendation was also referred to me within the past two or three days by the executive board of the building and construction trades department. As I indicated in the House on Friday, this is an area we will be looking at. It is a very important recommendation. As the hon, member knows, we have a task force in the department looking at the whole issue of labour market practices, including mobility. That matter has been referred to them. I hope it will come out as part of their recommendations. When we come forward with